



THE
CORMYMEELA
COMMUNITY

Shifting Horizons

- the long road to reconciliation

Join Corrymeela in marking 40 years of work for peace and reconciliation by exploring the theme for Corrymeela Sunday 2005

Dear Friends,

It is a time when the possibility of lasting peace in Northern Ireland is almost within our grasp – and a time when the reality of international conflict hasn't been greater for many years. Building community in the midst of conflict, be it local, national or international, is a challenge we all face.

At this time I would like to invite you and your church to hold a Corrymeela Sunday service and join with the Corrymeela Community in reflecting on our theme, '**Shifting Horizons – the long road to reconciliation**'. The theme highlights the need to go beyond our own world and horizons, to cross borders, build bridges and develop communities based on mutual respect and trust.

Corrymeela Sunday provides an opportunity to reflect on the gospel of reconciliation and what it means for each of us - wherever we live, work and worship. It is also an opportunity to remember the work of Corrymeela and the work of many individuals and groups for peace in Northern Ireland.

Our Corrymeela Sunday pack includes:

- **Suggested readings and reflections.**
- **Shifting Horizons comment**
- **Songs for Worship**
- **Prayers and Litanies**
- **Brief Corrymeela background**
- **Northern Ireland overview**
- **Suggested Order of Service**

To receive a Corrymeela Sunday pack simply phone, post, fax or email the details on the reply form overleaf. The resources can also be downloaded from our web site at: www.corrymeela.org – just click on the links for Corrymeela Sunday.

You can also support Corrymeela Sunday by spreading the word about our special **London Weekend on 12-13 March 2005**. The weekend will include a one-day Conference, a Concert and a Corrymeela Sunday Service. Simply order London Weekend leaflets on the reply forms, or by email, phone etc. Details of the London Weekend are also available on our website.

The Corrymeela Community was founded in 1965 and this year will be our 40th Anniversary. We have been on the long road of reconciliation in Northern Ireland right through the 'troubles'. We have seen many people shift their horizons and see new possibilities.

A dispersed Community of people from all Christian traditions we are committed to peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland and throughout the world. Every year over 7,000 people take part in cross-community programmes at our residential centre on the north coast of Ireland. Hundreds of youth, school, community, family and church groups, from both the Protestant and Catholic traditions, come together to share their stories, to listen to each other and explore new possibilities for living together in peace.

For many this is a difficult journey. Those who lost loved ones during the past 30 years of 'The Troubles' are often left with many unanswered questions. Others, who were caught up in the violence, face the challenge of living at peace with those they see as their enemy. The journey towards peace is not easy.


The survivors of the violence and those caught up in the violence often find themselves marginalised by society, struggling to find their place. At Corrymeela we believe the gospel calls us to stand with those on the margins of our divided community. We work in partnerships with victims groups and ex-prisoners as we seek to build a better, more peaceful and inclusive society.

Your support through Corrymeela Sunday is a real source of encouragement to us in our work. It is a real witness to the gospel calling to 'visit the sick ... the prisoner ... the widow ...'

Please join with us by holding a Corrymeela Sunday service. Many churches and groups hold Corrymeela Sunday on the Sunday before St Patrick's Day, March 13th in 2005, however, please feel free to choose any Sunday that suits best in 2005. Simply complete and return the form below to the Freepost address shown (no stamp needed), Fax your completed form to the number below or phone or email your details and we will send you your Corrymeela Sunday Pack. If you have access to the internet the resources can also be downloaded from our web site at: www.corrymeela.org - - just click on the links for Corrymeela Sunday.

Thank you for your interest and thank you for standing with us as together we work for peace in Ireland and pray for peace in our world.

Yours in Peace,



Dr David Stevens
Leader, Corrymeela Community

PS Don't forget to order leaflets about the Corrymeela London Week-end, 12-13 March 2005



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Please send _____ Corrymeela London Weekend leaflets

Please send _____ Corrymeela Prayer Cards

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